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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PORTER J. GOSS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 5, 1998

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for roll call votes 426 to 479 due to a family emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted yes on roll call votes: 427, 428, 429, 430, 432, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 440, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 449, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 460, 461, 462, 464, 465, 466, 467, 469, 470, 471, 472, 474, 475, 476, and 477; and no on roll call votes: 426, 431, 433, 439, 441, 447, 448, 450, 451, 459, 463, 468, 473, 478, and 479.

HONORING COLONEL ALBERT S. HINKLE

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 5, 1998

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply saddened to inform our colleagues of the loss of a man who, for over thirty years, has been a close friend, a loyal confidant, a dedicated staff member, and an outstanding public servant.

Colonel Al Hinkle was born November 6, 1917, in Fargo, North Dakota, to Ned and Mildred Hinkle. He received a bachelor's degree in political science from North Dakota State University and thereafter was a 1958 graduate to the Yale University Institute for Organizational Management and did postgraduate work at Yale in 1959. He also attended Corning Community College.

Al was employed by the U.S. Treasury Department in Washington. During World War II, Al served in the Army as a finance officer assigned to General Dwight D. Eisenhower's staff, attaining the rank of Colonel. He was the Currency Director of the European Theater Operations.

Subsequent to World War II, from 1946, to 1950, Al was a salesman for Oneida Ltd., in Oneida, New York, responsible for sales in Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. He then advanced to division manager for Frigidaire, Onondago Supply in Syracuse from 1951 to 1952. From 1953 to 1955, Al served as District Manager for the Kelvinator Division of American Motors in Buffalo. In 1956, Al served as the Executive Secretary of the Oneida Chamber of Commerce.

Over the next decade, Al served as the Executive Vice President of the Greater Corning Area Chamber of Commerce, and from 1966 to 1971, served as a Regional Manager of the New York State Department of Commerce. He was an Assistant Director of the Corning Urban Renewal Agency from 1971 to 1972, and then became Assistant Commissioner for Special Programs with the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal. He served in that position until May 1975.

In September 1975, Al Hinkle joined my staff as a legislative assistant, serving for 22

years until early 1997, when he retired. He was invaluable to me and my office, performing such duties as organizing seminars and meetings, managing my district office in Monsey, N.Y., traveling with me throughout our District, and keeping me aware of events affecting my constituency.

As Members of Congress, we are all well aware how imperative it is to have knowledgeable, well-informed, trustworthy staff members. Al was the epitome of such an assistant. However, he was more than exemplary employee, Al was also a good friend.

Al was never reluctant to express his opinions and views, and more often than not was proven correct. I was always proud to have Al represent me at public functions and was impressed with his detailed reports on what had transpired. He was of great help to me over the years in being my eyes and ears, helping me to keep my fingers on the pulse of Rockland County.

Al's tenure as First Vice Chairman of the Rockland County Republican Committee was marked by the increased growth in our party. In 1979, Al was mentioned as a possible Republican candidate for Rockland County Clerk, but withdrew his name.

Al was a member of the American Chamber of Commerce Executives, the New York State Association of Industrial Development Agencies, and the state Chamber of Commerce Executives. He was also a past president of the New York-Penn Tier Association of Chambers of Commerce, and served as a director of the American Retail Association Executives. Al's community service included many years as an energetic Monsey Rotarian, an active officer in the Reserve Officers Association of the United States and an energetic member of several veterans organizations.

Al was married to the lovely June Brooks and they enjoyed a long, fruitful, and happy life together. When June became terminally ill with cancer, Al was a devoted helpmate throughout her long illness, and rarely left her side. The passing of his beloved wife in January 1994, was a deep loss to Al. He was never quite the same after her passing.

Al is survived by his sons, Albert II, David, and Frederick; and brother, John; and four grandchildren. Al will be afforded the honor, which he fully deserved, of a military burial in Arlington National Cemetery on October 16, 1998.

Mr. Speaker, I invite our colleagues to join with me in extending to Al's sons, his family, and his many friends, our deepest condolences.

AMERICA'S IMPACT AID ASSOCIATION: 25 YEARS OF WORK FOR OUR COUNTRY

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 5, 1998

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to make note that the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools this year celebrates its 25th Anniversary.

The NAFIS represents school districts that are federally impacted—that is, their streams of state and local sales and property tax revenues are affected by the presence of military

facilities of Indian lands. The federal presence in each American community represents a clear and convincing federal responsibility: that until the federal government pays local property and sales tax, it owes the schools a full and fair measure of impact aid, so that these schools may provide an excellent education to the children of military families and Native Americans, and to all children in affected communities. This association represents hundreds of American school districts, including the San Diego Unified Schools in my congressional district. It also plays a vital role in informing the bipartisan Congressional Impact Aid Coalition, of which I am a member, so that we can keep current on issues with respect to this federal responsibility of impact aid.

I want to take note that NAFIS, on October 6, 1998, will honor the past presidents of the Association. Since 1973, these individuals have worked for fair treatment of our federally impacted schools, and for fair impact aid appropriations. In order of their service, these NAFIS presidents were: Lance Eldred, Dave Fish, June Quint, Thomas Bobo, Glenn Barnes, Don Bruno, Pat Hayden, Bob Thomas, Clarence Ham, Dave Kinkaid, Ed Hennessee, Ivan Small, Steve Pratt, and the current president, Lowell Draffen.

I also want to recognize NAFIS Executive Director John Forkenbrock and his staff, who work very hard to keep lawmakers, congressional staffs, and association members themselves well informed about impact aid.

In addition, at the same event where NAFIS honors its presidents, the association will pay a special honor to one of our colleagues: the distinguished chairman from Illinois and chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education, the Honorable JOHN EDWARD PORTER. NAFIS will award him the Harry S. Truman Recognition Award for his vigorous advocacy in support of impact aid as a clear federal responsibility. Year after year, President Clinton's budgets have slashed and gutted impact aid, and year after year, Chairman PORTER has courageously and successfully fought to ensure that the federal government meets this fundamental responsibility to our schools, our communities, and our military and Native American families. It is worth noting that Chairman PORTER is only the second person ever to be recognized with this honor, the other being our late colleague, the gentleman from Kentucky, Representative Bill Natcher, a great and respected member of this House who earned and received the respect of us all.

Let the permanent RECORD of the Congress of the United States now note this tribute to the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools on its 25th anniversary, on its presidents and staff, and upon impact aid's great champion in Congress, the Honorable JOHN EDWARD PORTER, in appreciation for their service and dedication past, present and future.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF GENE MCCABE, A TRUE HERO

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 5, 1998

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to my dear friend, Eugene McCabe, who